(d) if so, what is the capacity addition during the Tenth Five Year Plan through nuclear and other non-conventional energy sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Working Group on Power for the 10th Plan had recommended a capacity addition target of 46,939 MW. However, keeping the preparedness of projects in view, the target for capacity addition in the Tenth Plan has been scaled down to about 41,000 MW in consultation with the Planning Commission. The break-up is as follows:—

	Hydro	Thermal	Nuclear	Total
Central Sector	8742	12540	1300	22582
State Sector	4481	6923	0	11404
Private Sector	1170	5941	0	7111
TOTAL	14393	25404	1300	41097

In addition to 41,097 MW, 4265 MW of capacity is targeted through non-conventional energy sources.

Incentive package to Private Parties/IPP for setting up Hydro Power Projects

4478. SHRI K.M.KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised/formulated any incentive package to private parties/Independent Power Producers for setting up hydro power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme for development of small hydro projects of 3 to 25 MW capacity has been launched;

(d) whether private parties are being involved in the scheme;

(e) if so, the number of private parties who have come forward to set up projects; and

(f) the number of projects approved and total power capacity likely to be added by these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government has taken several measures for accelerating the growth of hydro power development. These include higher budgetary support to Central Public Sector Undertakings like National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd., (NHPC), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC), advance action for new hydel projects, liberalized policy to attract private sector participation and action plan for hydro power development in the North Eastern Region.

Government of India has announced a Policy on Hydro Power Development in August, 1998 in order to accelerate the pace of hydro power development. The policy, *inter-alia*, envisages the following measures.

(i) Providing a different pricing for peaking power to facilitate greater investment in hydel projects, which have the capability to supply peaking power in a cost effective manner.

(ii) providing an institutional mechanism for dealing with geological risks.

(iii) Utilizing the joint venture frame work for promoting hydel projects.

(iv) Simplification of procedures relating to transfer of clearances from State Government to Central Public Sector Undertakings and state Government to private sector.

(v) Enhancing the ceiling limits for techno-economic clearance by CEA in respect of projects promoted on the MOU route.

(vi) Transfer of work relating to the development of small hydel projects up to 25 MW capacity from Ministry of Power to Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources and providing a suitable incentive package.

(c) to (f) Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources (MNES) is implementing a number of financial incentive schemes for the development of small hydro power (SHP) projects upto 25 MW station capacity in the country. These Incentive schemes are by way of financial support for detailed survey and investigation of SHP sites, support for Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, capital subsidy for Government Sector projects, interest subsidy for commercial projects set up by private sector, joint sector etc. MNES is encouraging the private sector to set up SHP projects in the country. MNES has so far supported 25 private sector projects under its interest subsidy scheme and has also supported over 60 private sector projects for their detailed survey and investigation and DPR preparation. The SHP projects are approved by the respective State Governments. MNES provides only financial assistance, as per scheme, for such projects 187 SHP projects aggregating 512 MW are under execution by the states/private sector.

Recovery of outstanding dues of REC from SEBs

4479. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has initiated legal action for recovery of outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to assist in realizing the over dues from SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has filed cases with Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), Delhi against the defaulting State electricity Boards namely, ASEB (Assam), BSEB (Bihar), WBSEB (West Bengal) and UPPCL (Uttar Pradesh) for recovery of outstanding dues. The status report on the DRT cases is given in the enclosed Statement.